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Rigney offers alternatives for stand-by

by Matthew Sitrler

There are alternatives to moving the stand-by ambulance back to Haliburton, says Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney. He plans to raise them at the County Council's operation committee meeting later this month.

As reported last week in *The Times*, Emergency Services Manager Bob English has issued instructions that when there is only one ambulance in the county, rather than it being parked on stand-by at the Hydro switching station at Allsaw, it should be located at the Haliburton ambulance station. The change in procedure, in effect since January 18, has raised numerous concerns from the public and local politicians. Many have expressed concerns about delays in ambulance response times to emergency calls from Minden, Norland and Kinmount.

"That's a political decision with political overtones because of the sensitivity between the two communities," said Rigney last week. "I think the politicians should have made that decision." Rigney said the response time of the stand-by ambulance worries him. He wondered if there was not a better place for the ambulance when on stand-by. "Lochlin, on County Road #1 would be about half way between the two areas," offered the Reeve. "Where the Lochlin church is - in that area, They could even use our old (Snowdon) municipal offices there if they had to. If lack of shelter and access to facilities is supposedly part of the problem, then it's another location that could be used. Other people could still use the building - it wouldn't matter if there were a couple of ambulance attendants sitting there."

Rigney said he will bring these ideas to the operation committee meeting.

He also noted that the Municipality of Minden Hills owns a piece of property adjacent to the Allsaw Flats site, beside the Hydro station. He suggested that could be another location where the stand-by ambulance could be located.

"Maybe the County could put in a small building there that's usable," he mused. The Reeve questioned some of the reasoning behind the January 18 move - a move he says could be overturned at County Council. "It sounds like it's getting into that old debate between Minden and Haliburton, and I don't want it to slip into that," said Reeve Rigney.

(Additional reaction to the change on page 3.
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Public asked to consider names for northern municipality

by Matthew Sittler

The following items were discussed at the Sherborne, Stanhope et al council meeting of February 1.

Council Remuneration

Council has adopted the following remuneration. The Reeve position receives \$15,000 per annum; Deputy Reeve will receive \$12,000; and the position of Councillor \$10,000. The councillors will also receive vehicle compensation of 35 cents a kilometre.

Committee Structures

While no committee appointments were approved, there was discussion at the meeting as to their overall structure. "Structures will be different for each committee," said CAO Gerald Bain. "There is not one basic structure that has been established."

It has been proposed, tentatively, that there will be umbrella committees to cover separate committees from the former townships. "There will be further discussion about this on the 15th of February," said Bain. By way of example, council has decided that a Heritage Association be formed to act as an umbrella for the individual Heritage Museum boards in each area (Dorset and Stanhope)

Waste Management

Council has received notice from the Ministry of the Environment stating that the certificate of approval for the McClintock sewage lagoon had expired in May of 2000. "Therefore, they have directed that no further sewage can go into it until such time that we make a further application for approval," said Bain.

Municipal name change

CAO Gerald Bain has been directed to prepare notice for a public meeting to consider a municipal name change. There are two names to be proposed for discussion in the notice: Sherborne, Stanhope et al, and Algonquin Highlands. "Algonquin Highlands was the one Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed mentioned," said Bain. "It has a nice ring to it."

Airport master plan update

Two proposals for the update of the airport's master plan are being reviewed by council. One was from Stantech Ltd., and the other from LPS Aviation. "They were quite extensive proposals," said Bain. "A committee has been appointed to review them and then to report back to council."

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K. Lakes councillor concerned about delays

by Matthew Sitrler

Out to lunch: That's where residents of Minden Hills are left if the stand-by ambulance remains absent at the Allsaw Flats, says City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor John Huke. Echoing Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon's concerns last week about delays in stand-by ambulance response times, Huke cited a number of reasons he takes issue with its recent move back to the Haliburton base.

"My big problem with this is summer time," said Huke. "You not only have four to five times more people, but a lot more traffic on the road. It really concerns me that we are not going to get to those calls."

Based on the past four years, Huke said, experience in some parts of Kinmount and Norland dictates it's not out of the ordinary to have people at some cottage locations wait half an hour or longer for an ambulance during an emergency. Huke related that Haliburton Emergency Services Manager Bob English told him the recent change in stand-by locations would only result in a five minute time delay to people needing help there - that the stand-by ambulance now takes County Road One to those calls.

An additional five minute ambulance response delay doesn't impress Huke. "The average wait for a call to our area was 28 minutes a couple of years ago. That's really not acceptable. It raises something the ex-warden and I were pushing real hard for-- more ambulance coverage in northern Victoria County," he said, adding that an ambulance stationed in Burnt River, the Fenelon area or the Bobcaygeon area would really help to improve things.

Winter road conditions hamper response time

also, pointed out the Councillor, making the drive to Minden calls even longer from the Haliburton ambulance base. "It's easy to say five minutes for us, but since the province has downloaded a lot of those roads like 121, they are not serviced the way they used to be," pointed out Huke. "Until there's more than 2 inches of snow on the road they don't service Highway 121."

The City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor said it boils down to the fact that both Haliburton and Victoria Counties will have to go after the Ministry of Health for more ambulance service. "English claims

that when an ambulance travels from Allsaw to Minden on its way to a call in Kinmount, they are going out of their way," said Huke. "That going down County Road One is quicker. I'd have to time that in my car, but for Minden, it certainly looks to me like a time delay."

Huke said he intends to bring the matter to a City of Kawartha Lakes Council meeting, but added it could take some time because not all committees have been struck. "What I'll do is try to find out whose department this is going to be in and go from there," he said.

Committee will hear report February 21

by Matthew Sitrler

Haliburton County CAO Gary King says a decision on the stand-by ambulance relocation will likely take place after a report is examined by the Operations Committee at its meeting February 21. The report, which King has already seen, was directed to his attention by County Warden Murray Fearrey.

"The committee needs to see it and determine whether or not there is justification for the move," said King. "It's a report from Emergency Services Manager Bob English which includes a lot of information that has already gone public."

Last week, Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon voiced his concerns about the move and its resulting time delay for some emergency calls in the Minden area. This week he said he has heard nothing but positive feedback about his comments,

from concerned members of the public who want answers for the change in location. "They are saying they are glad I took the stance that I did. That time is of the essence," said McMahon.

In Sherbourne, Stanhope et al, Reeve Eleanor Harrison says that the relocation of the stand-by ambulance to the Haliburton base won't necessarily affect prompt response times in her municipality, but adds she will wait to see the report before she makes up her mind. "I really would have to see the stats that Bob English used to make the change," said Harrison. "I think that possibly, Stanhope might be served even better with the ambulance being pulled from the Allsaw Flats. My understanding is, if the ambulance had to get to St. Peter's Road, for example, an ambulance stationed in Haliburton would certainly get there faster."

Chamber has ambitious plan for 2001

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has some ambitious plans for 2001. Chamber Manager Peter Rigby and Jerry Vandenbrink, a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors, have been attending council meetings explaining the Chamber's economic development programs. The latest presentation was at the Minden Hills council meeting Thursday.

Vandenbrink told council it was the Chamber's intention to ensure that councils are informed so council members can act as ambassadors for the county when they are travelling outside its borders. Armed with pertinent information, councillors will be able to provide interested parties with information that may help them make up their minds to locate their businesses in Haliburton County. In this way, councillors can be ambassadors for local development.

Vandenbrink said a number of businesses have shown an interest in locating in the county. He said one company from the United States is seriously considering coming to Haliburton County. He said he wasn't at liberty to identify the company at this time.

"It's looking quite exciting for the coming year," he said. "We're very happy with the way things are

going."

The Chamber has a number of programs in progress. Rigby gave an overview of what is planned for the next year.

The gateway web site should be completed by the end of April. Rigby said the site will be completed in sections and each section will be online as it is developed. He explained that the site will be database driven and that a search engine will help visitors to the site find what they are looking for.

Each of the four municipalities will have its basic information listed, such as key department heads and how to contact them. The site will also have links to area businesses as well as various provincial and federal government agencies. He asked the municipality for its co-operation in providing the information for the web site. He noted that the information, once it has been compiled, will be available online, in print form for those who are not connected to the web and on CD ROM.

Councillor Ron Buchanan asked Rigby if communications here are adequate for businesses to operate the same as they would be able to in the city. Rigby replied that the short answer was yes, but he quali-

fied that statement by saying that connections here are not as efficient as they are in the city.

Rigby said the need for better communications, specifically fast, reliable internet connections, is a key component in attracting businesses to the county. He said all possibilities will be explored to identify the best solution for the county.

Reeve Rigney said the way things have progressed in the county with regard to communications, the cart was put before the horse. "We have the equipment but we don't have the system to run it properly," he said.

Suitable property on which businesses can be located may have to be developed.

Rigby stressed that the Chamber intends to provide representation across the county, not just the centres of Minden and Haliburton. He also noted that the Chamber will be taking an active role in keeping services in the county. To that end, the Chamber has been asked to make a presentation to the Trillium Lakelands School Board regarding the economic impact of closing the school in Dorset.

Rigby said the Chamber's action plan is to "tell the world that Haliburton County is open for business."



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Meet Minden's Master Baker

Only one of two in Canada, Marion Markowski wants to see the qualification recognized here.

by Matthew Sittler

Sweet scents waft along pleasantly inside of Rachel's Bakery in Minden, as baker Marion Markowski excitedly ruffles through a handful of scattered papers spread out across a freezer in his back kitchen.

"I'll find it here, in just a second," he informs *The Times* hurriedly, "I'll find her number then you can do the asking."

Markowski - the diminutive cream of the crop when it comes to baking expertise in Canada, has recently been honoured with the prestigious title of Master Baker. The only problem is, he had to travel to the United States in December to complete a portion of his test work.

The Master Baker would like his recent stateside recognition to be acknowledged officially here in Canada, but explains that until the designation of Master Baker or its equivalent is introduced to this country's baking industry, bakers here will have to settle for being, well, just bakers.

Presently, Marion awaits his diploma from the Culinary Institute of America in New York, along with a letter recognizing his latest impressive achievements. The Centre has informed Markowski that letters supporting the introduction of the Master Baker designation to the Canadian system are being sent to the Ontario Ministry for Training College and University's (MTCU), and baking industry organizations as well. Currently, there are only 107 Master Bakers in the US. The number testifies to the expertise needed to attain the level of skill worthy of the title. Markowski proudly joins just one other Canadian who has been conferred the title. He knows the recognition is already there in terms of his other extensive accomplishments (which include numerous awards), still - his dough isn't rising.

"I like to keep striving, to do better," explains the Master Baker. "By introducing the Master Baker title in



Minden's Marion Markowski is now a Master Baker. (photo by Matt Sittler)

Canada, I feel it would be a higher recognition to those bakers here who deserve it." Markowski says that it would also help local students who want to become bakers, strive for a higher goal - which so far has eluded young people starting out in the Canadian baking industry.

Markowski had to travel to New York for the physical aspect (baking several recipes within a time limit of three hours each) of his exams in the

certificate program. He was able to complete the written portion in Haliburton.

He has contacted several industry organizations trying to get them to address the issue, and to introduce a motion that would set in place some sort of protocol ending in the achievement of Master Baker status in Canada.

Linda Johns, the current Baking Trade Coordinator at the MTCU, says the issue is something that will be ad-

ressed by the Industry Committee for the Trade Bakers and Pâtisseries. "It's still on the table," she said. "It's going to be discussed." Johns said she has to defer to the baking industry when asked if the title of Master Baker should be recognized as a Canadian baking designation. "If it's something that they'd see as being positive for them, they can certainly bring it forward and bring a proposal to the ministry - that's the approach we take," she adds.

At present, the highest achievement a baker can attain in Ontario is the Certificate of Qualification which has two designations. "There is the Certificate of Qualification as a baker," explains Johns. "Which is recognized throughout Canada, and the second designation is the Certificate of Qualification as a Pâtissier which is only available in Ontario." They are both apprenticeships achieved through work on the job and attending school.

"It's a good story," adds Johns positively, referring to Markowski's struggle for recognition. "From what I understand, there are few Master Bakers in Canada. It's great, what he has achieved."

The Baker/Pâtissier trade is a voluntary trade in Ontario. The industry sets its own standards, said the coordinator. "If there is support for it in Ontario, they will bring it forward. He has brought it to my attention and I just pass it on to the folks I work with in the industry. That's where it stands right now."

"I like to remain local and work with a passion for baking," said Minden's Master Baker, Marion Markowski. "I don't always 'bake by the book', but I do feel there has to be some form of recognition for the work that we bakers do."

A first in so many areas of his profession, Markowski's most lasting achievement may be his ability to successfully bring to the attention of his industry for the need for a Master Baker designation.

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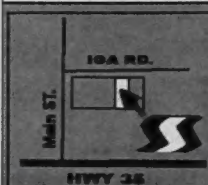
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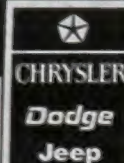
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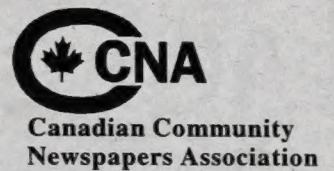
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A matter of public safety

Editorial

It would be easy to turn the recent controversy over the placement of the stand-by ambulance into a political debate. But as much as some might wish to cast it as the old Minden-Haliburton issue and give it a passion and profile that would inflame old animosities, that is not what this issue is all about. On the contrary, it is quite simply a matter of public safety.

For years ambulances have been dispatched to locations outside of the county. That is simply the reality of the county's location, the limited medical resources within the county and the need to find higher levels of care in facilities beyond our borders for individuals from this area who are seriously ill. In the past, when the ambulances have been dispatched, and there is only one emergency vehicle and crew in the county, it has been positioned on (now) County

Road 121 at Allsaw, utilizing the driveway at the Ontario Hydro switching station as a location to park. We suspect the spot was not chosen because it is politically correct, located as it is about half-way between Minden and Haliburton. The location was selected as a stand-by spot because it provided convenient and easy access to all the residents of the service area.

While some might suggest that municipal boundaries somehow define areas of service and other suggest that geography should be the determining factor, the fact remains it is the concentration of population which should dictate the best location for an emergency service to be located. The key question is how to deploy the emergency service, when there is only one vehicle, to best meet the needs of the people it is expected to

serve. Past experience and practise have identified the Allsaw location as meeting that criterion.

As far as we know, no major shift has taken place in the distribution of the population since then to justify any change. So, if the intent of the ambulance service is to be available to meet the needs of all residents of Haliburton County and northern Kawartha Lakes then, when, for whatever reason, there is only one ambulance left in the Highlands, every effort should be made to position it where it has access to the greatest number of people as easily and quickly as possible.

That is the least anyone within the area should expect of the ambulance service and that is what should be provided.

jb

Sidewalks should be for pedestrians

Editor:

I would like to comment on the snowmobile affair.

When the township went to the trouble of installing the interlocking brick sidewalk on Bobcaygeon Road, beyond the bridge from North Water Street, were they contemplating snowmobile usage. This lovely sidewalk is being ruined by these machines, and will the snowmobile association repair and/or replace same when necessary.

I know of no tow, village, city, etc. that permits motorized vehicles on the sidewalk.

The residents of Stouffville are put to the inconvenience of having to cross Bobcaygeon Road (Main Street) four times just to go to pick up their mail--where is the safety in that?--especially for the seniors, who already are unsure of their footing due to the snowy road conditions.

I think the residents in that area deserve more consideration for their taxes, than from being barred from using the sidewalks on that particular side of the bridge.

Betty Milford,
Minden

Congratulations

Editor:

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Minden Hills I wish to congratulate Lori Roberts on winning the Kodak "WOW" Award for Retailing Excellence 2000. It is one of only three such awards in Canada. What an honour! We are proud to have such an award winning business in our community.

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by Eric Lilius, Haliburton County
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When I see this message, I can be pretty sure it is a hoax, but I go to <http://www.vmyths.com/> to check their extensive list of hoaxes. A web site that will give you more information than you want to know about viruses is the very comprehensive site put together by the creators of the Northern Lights search engine <http://>

special.northernlight.com/compvirus/. There you will find all the major anti-virus programs, bulletins and hoax information.

There are email viruses going the rounds now that send themselves with attached files with names such as "Geocities_free_sites.txt.pif", "I_am_sorry.doc.pif", "Free_xxx_sites.txt.pif".

These appear to be document files but the clue is the 'pif' on the end. That is an executable file. This is the W32 or w95virus. It installs itself in many programs and emails itself out with every email that you send. You won't even know that you are sending it out until a recipient lets you know. You may also notice that some programs start to malfunction.

One very good FREE anti-virus program is Inoculate-IT from Computer Associates. This is a very large software company specializing in corporate software and network security. The company offers a personal version of their anti-virus program because it believes, "Virus protection is an integral part of the PC and should not have to be purchased separately. It is as key to computers as brakes are to cars." This antivirus program finds and fixes viruses that other programs miss. It is an excellent product and highly recommended by local computer technicians.

All you have to do is a simple registration at their website <http://antivirus.cai.com>. You will get an email from the company with your registration number, which will allow you to get automatic updates as frequently as you wish. Computer Associates also offers a free add on which will check email as it comes in.

In summary, it is prudent to have an anti-virus program, keep it updated, and be suspicious of mail attachments that have exe, scr, pif and vba extensions even if they come from people that you know.

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Mistakes printed daily

Somebody once defined journalism as 'literature in a hurry'.

Close enough.

I'm not saying all editors would rather 'get it first than get it right', but I've known a few who had that credo tattooed just below their left aureolae. In newspapering, haste is of the essence - and that leads to more than the occasional blunder. That's why most newspapers have a Corrections Column - a tiny box on an inside page where the editor confesses to errors made in earlier stories (which usually ran under a banner headline on the front page). The mea culpas are usually followed with the stony journalistic cliché "The East Ridge Clarion Bugle regrets the error".

One newspaper that treats it's own foul-ups with a certain panache is The Manchester Guardian. Mind you, The Guardian is somewhat famous in the Halls of Journalism as the Queen of Misprints - the satirical press routinely refers to the paper as The Grauniad.

The editors, Lord bless'em, decided that if the rest of the world is sniggering, they might as well join in. Hence The Guardian's Corrections and Amplifications Column.

Last summer, this entry appeared:

August 21: We spelt Morecambe, the town in Lancashire, wrong again on page 2, yesterday. We often do. And on January 28: An item headed Bad Day: Educashun, in a sidebar on the Policy and Politics page, yesterday, derived mild amusement from numerous spelling mistakes in a Labour Party jobs advertisement carried in the previous day's paper. All the errors were, in fact, made by The Guardian. None of them was in the original copy supplied by the Labour Party.

If it's any consolation to ink-slingers at The Grauniad - we've seen worse.

The Florida newspaper, for instance that was forced to run this 'correction': In criticizing the political views of Patrick Buchanan, William Bennett said, "It's a real us-and-them kind of thing," not, as we reported "It's a real S&M kind of thing."

Or the New Hampshire weekly that noted: There was a mistake in an item sent in two weeks ago which stated that Ed Burnham entertained a party at crap shooting. It should have been trap shooting.

Or the double pratfall executed by a Massachusetts paper: Our newspaper carried the notice last week that Mr.

Oscar Hofnagle is a defective on the police force. This was a typographical error. Mister Hofnagle is, of course, a detective on the police farce.

And the prize for all time most embarrassing 'Correction'? That honour must go to The Manchester Guardian for a rarely seen triple-ballup that began to unfold in the Corrections and Amplifications Column on...

• April 21, 1998: The home of Charles Darwin, author of On The Origin of the Species, is Down House in Kent. It was garbled in a news report on page 12 on April 11.

• April 22, 1998: In a correction published in this column yesterday, we misspelt Downe House, the home of Charles Darwin in Kent.

• April 23, 1998: A correction to the correction of a correction. Darwin spelled both the name of his house and the village in which it is situated, Down. The village became Downe. The house is still Down. Ah well.

Take heart, ye editors of The Grauniad, in these immortal words: "Don't ever promote anyone who hasn't made some big mistakes - you'll be promoting someone who hasn't done much." Herbert Dow said that.

Or was it Oscar Wilde?

Et cetera
Arthur Black

Amalgamation of Minden and Haliburton

Minor Hockey will create a vibrant hockey system

My son has played hockey for the last seven years with the Minden Minor Hockey Association.

It has been a great seven years.

Like many parents, Val and I have had the pleasure of watching our child develop as an athlete and as a person through his hockey experiences. We also have met many fantastic people and made some great friends along the way.

Last July I volunteered to join the Amalgamation Committee with seven other hockey parents. This committee has just produced an Amalgamation Proposal that will be voted on shortly.

I think its vital to our community that our minor hockey system flourishes and I think that amalgamating with the Haliburton Minor Hockey Association is the best way to ensure that this happens.

In recent years our registration numbers have been dropping and with our current alarmingly-low numbers at the Tyke level (six to seven year-olds) there is no reason to believe that this trend will reverse itself without some changes to the way we do things.

When the numbers drop, big problems occur.

A hockey system is supposed to be flexible and is supposed to provide a positive hockey experience for everyone. Well, when you have 18, or so, players at a try-out (and this happened in Haliburton and Minden this year) the last thing you are is flexible. Instead of placing players on teams where they *should* be, you put them on teams where they *have* to be.

As a result, many players get frustrated and discouraged. Some even quit.

This, in turn, creates a number of problems and conflicts that must be dealt with by the volunteer executives who, at the same time, are trying to work around the lack of funding (which is another problem that low registration numbers create). Pretty soon the executive finds itself spending all of its time just trying to cope and survive. There just isn't any time left over to do the things to improve the hockey program - like developing coaching programs, power skating courses etc.

Amalgamation can solve a lot of these problems.

We'll be able to introduce a vibrant county house league. This will increase our registration numbers by providing a low cost, low travel entry point into our hockey program.

The County League will be the feeder system

and the backbone for our new program and it will also provide a fun hockey experience for the casual player.

The combined registration numbers will be more than sufficient at all age groups. As a result our OMHA and Tri-County teams will be fully staffed, stronger and more successful and our players will play with players of more equal caliber.

As the numbers go up, so will the revenues. Our volunteer executive will be able to spend more time on refining things and making things better, rather than firefighting and fundraising just to survive.

It will take a lot of time and effort to make amalgamation work, and there will be bumps in the road to be sure. However, I have met a lot of excited and committed potential volunteers who are ready to spend the time and commit the effort to make it work.

As Brian Sachs, who is another member of the Amalgamation Committee, says, "If you are not moving forward you are moving backwards."

Well, our backs are against the wall. We have to move forward.

Andy Lennox
Minden

What is an RRSP?

Submitted by Larry McKnight

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This makes RRSPs undoubtedly one of the best tax breaks around. With the 2000 contribution deadline fast approaching, here are a few tips:

1) Contribute early and regularly: Contributing at the start of January for the next tax year (instead of the last one) gives your money 14 extra months of tax-sheltered earnings.

2) Consider setting up a Pre-Authorize monthly chequing plan. This allows dollar cost averaging in fluctuating markets, gets your money working throughout the year and reduces stress since your contribution is made by year-end.

3) Use up contribution room: The maximum 2000 contribution is the lesser of \$13,500 and 18% of

your 1999 earned income (less Pension Adjustment Reversals and carry-forward of unused contribution room). Any amount you do not use may be carried forward indefinitely. But since there is no guarantee this provision will stay, it's best to top-up your plan now.

4) Consider an RRSP loan. If topping up your plan with a lump sum sounds like wishful thinking, speak with your financial advisor about your RRSP contribution loan options.

5) Contribute to a Spousal RRSP. If your spouse's RRSP is smaller than yours, you could be in a higher tax bracket at retirement. Making contributions to your spouse's plan instead of your own may help lower your overall future tax rate. Also, if you are past age 69 and still have earned income and unused RRSP contribution room, you may be able to apply it to a Spousal RRSP.

6) For Maximum Tax Relief consider a Venture Capital Fund. Both the Provincial and Federal Governments are each allowing an additional 15% on top of your normal rate. The maximum purchase is \$5,000 per year. If your income tax rate is 40% then you will receive a tax deduction of 70% on the \$5,000 equaling \$3,500. Due to Risk associated with a Venture Fund you will have to purchase the plan from a qualified Investment Advisor licenced to sell this product.

The new foreign content limit of your RRSP or RRIF plan will rise from 25% to 30% of its book value (cost amount) effective January 1, 2001. The idea is to be able to improve the performance and diversification of your portfolio by increasing your foreign holdings. This is an excellent opportunity to review your options with a qualified financial advisor.

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Sports

Monarchs Rule!

Atom B Monarchs B Championship finalists

The annual Minden Monarchs Atom B Hockey Tournament was held January 27 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, with eight teams, from as far as Oak Ridges, Parry Sound and Barrie, competing.

Monarchs prevail over Flyers

The Minden team was one of the first to lace up the skates for the tournament, taking on the Fenelon Falls Flyers in game one.

The first period saw the Flyers take a 2-1 lead. Minden's sharpshooter was Steve Kerr, from Brittney Hicks and Adam Freeman.

The Monarchs notched the only goal of the middle frame when Adam Freeman found the mark with just under two minutes to go. Jared Mills assisted on the tying goal.

The Monarchs saved their best for the third period. In a span of one minute and 36 seconds, they

scored three times. Davis Reynolds, Brittney Hicks and Steve Kerr were the snipers. Kerr and Hicks picked up two assists each and Reynolds had one helper to go with his goal.

The Flyers didn't give up. They closed the gap to 5-4, but Minden held on to the one-goal margin for the win.

Lindsay wins tight battle

Game two for the Monarchs was against Lindsay.

The two teams were very evenly matched, matching each other goal for goal throughout the game. When the final buzzer sounded, the Lindsay squad was ahead by a 4-3 count to take the win.

Ryan Kerr, Adam Freeman and Mitchell Hicks were the Minden marksmen, with assists going to Steve Kerr, Jake Findeis, Joey Findeis and J.J. Kerr.

B Championship

A record of one win and one loss put the Monarchs into the B Championship final against Parry Sound.

The first period belonged to the opposition. Parry Sound came out flying, building a convincing 4-1 lead by the end of the first frame.

Steve Kerr notched the lone Minden reply, from Brittney Hicks.

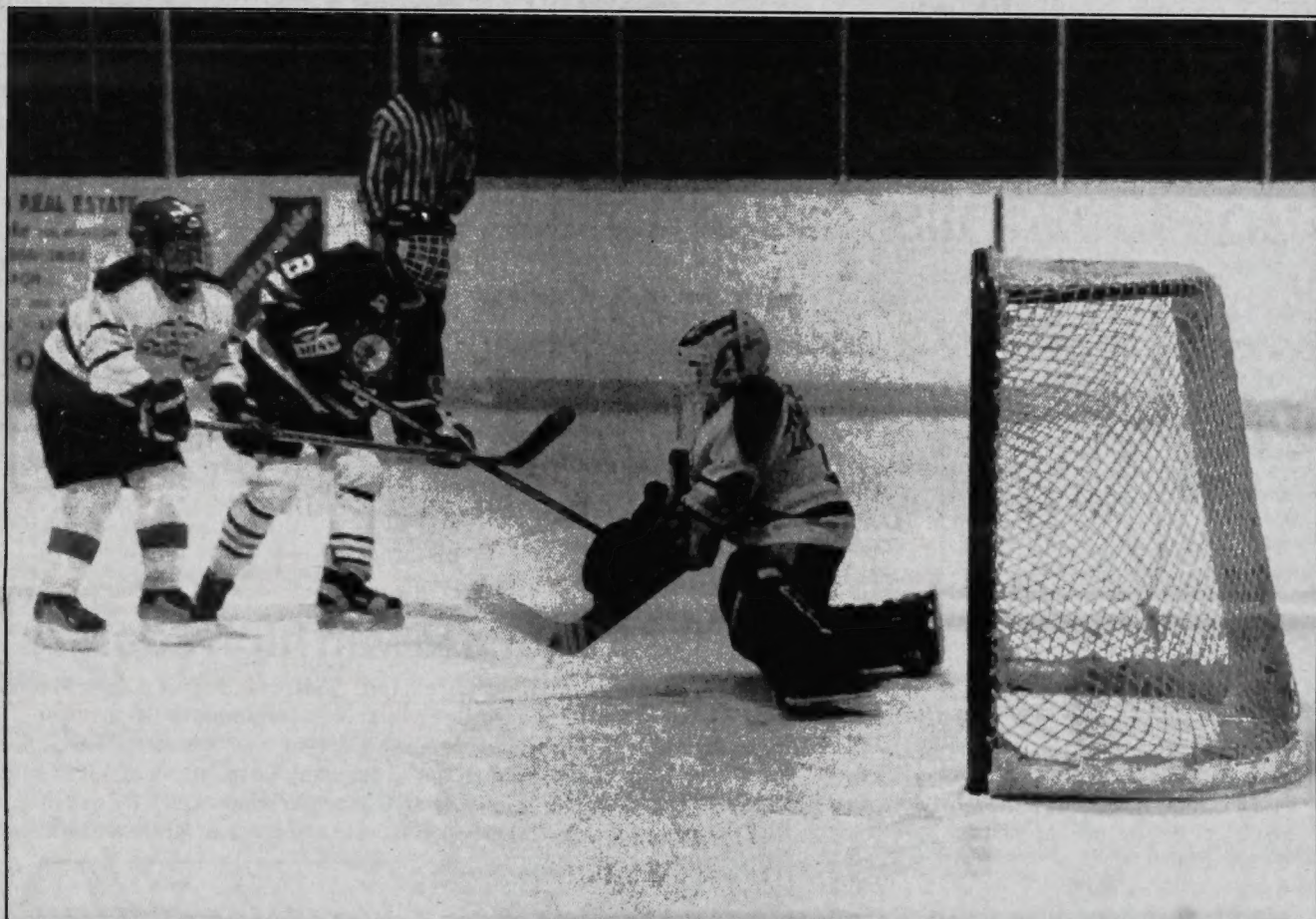
The second period saw the Monarchs tighten up defensively, holding Parry Sound off the scoreboard. Minden added one to the home side of the scoreboard in the second. Steve Kerr was the marksman, with Ryan Kerr and Adam Freeman assisting.

One minute into the third, Brittney Hicks closed the gap to 4-3. Jake Findeis and Steve Kerr assisted. With just over four minutes remaining, Jared Mills scored the equalizer on an unassisted effort. That goal sent the game into overtime when neither team was able to break the tie in regulation time.

Starting with five skaters aside in the overtime frame, the two teams remained dead even until they were down to one-on-one.

Parry Sound sniper Blair Fearon, who had scored all four of his team's goals in regulation time, turned out to be the hero of the game for his team when he netted his fifth to give Parry Sound the B Championship.

The tournament was a huge success, with some really exciting hockey action.



B CHAMPIONSHIP: The Minden Atom B Monarchs were B Championship finalists in their own tournament on January 27 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. All three of the games the Monarchs played were close contests and each was decided by a single goal. The B final took overtime to decide, with Parry Sound emerging the victor. Blair Fearon was a one-man wrecking crew for Parry Sound, scoring all five of his team's goals. He is seen here notching one of his four first-period markers.



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Food and Fun for Five set for Feb. 25

by Sandy Cole

Much fun and frolic were the order of the day at the annual Business Persons Fun Bonspiel. There were good times aplenty as curlers and non-curlers joined in the spirit of curling. As always, the potluck dinner was mouth-watering and the many helping hands made the event a great success.

It is nice to see people coming to these fun events and trying the game of curling.

Remember that February 25 is the next fun event, where all are welcome to enjoy "Food and Fun for Five (\$5)." Make sure you are on the list to play!

The men are all gearing up for the famous "Rockbuster" spiel, set for February 16 to 18. If you want your team in this event make sure you sign up at the club as spaces tend to fill up fast. Spectators are welcome to drop in this weekend and watch some really great curling.

The younger set are taking the area by storm February 22 to 25.

Eighty teams are expected to compete in the Provincial Elementary Championships held at the Wilberforce, Haliburton and Minden clubs. The final will be played on the 25th in Haliburton. Stop by and encourage these young athletes.

Monday Night Ladies'

Cheryl Murdoch 8, Sandy Cole 5
Pat Woodcroft 7, Melanie Vigrass 5
Irene Alexander 7, Zeldia Cooper 7

Tuesday Night Men's

Bill Roodenburg 9, Dwight Thomas 8
Alf Trotter 6, Ted Wilkes 6
Trevor Cole 5, Rob Eaton 5
Don Ballantyne 10, Howard Scott 3

Thursday Night Mixed

Jack Taylor 10, Cheryl Murdoch 4
Alf Trotter 9, Gail Grainger 1
Warren Payne 7, Ross Davies 5
Rob Eaton 10, Murray Cooper 3
Ted Wilkes 10, Melanie Vigrass 3
Pat Woodcroft 13, Sandy Cole 3

Ray Lymer rolls 274 single

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Fred Knight 185; Maxine Cross 171
High single: Bob Vankoughnet 257; Maxine Cross 219
High single (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 295; Maxine Cross 262
High triple: Eric Stearns 555; Maxine Cross 508
High triple (handicap): Eric Stearns 726; Flo Roussel 688

Monday Night Mixed League

High average: Scott Moore 242; Michelle Moore 183
High single: Addie Dykstra 259; Teresa Clement 240
High single (handicap): Darren Cole +81; Teresa Clement +60
High triple: Scott Moore 804; Michelle Moore 650
High triple (handicap): Darren Cole +91; Teresa Clement +112

Tuesday Seniors' Match Play

High average: Neville Whiteside 193; Theresa Fox 200
High single: Vince Connaughan 232; Corinne Wrightman 235
High single (handicap): Neville Whiteside 524;

Theresa Fox 509

High triple: Neville Whiteside 650; Corinne Wrightman 668
High triple (handicap): Ron Earle 174; Theresa Fox 166

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Ed Braithwaite 202; Grace Chapman 183
High single: Ray Lymer 274; Grace Chapman 243
High single (handicap): Ray Lymer 317; Grace Chapman 276
High triple: Ray Lymer 654; Janice Hughes 519
High triple (handicap): Ray Lymer 783; Lyn Preston 678

Thursday Night Mixed League (January 4)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 223; Joan Rivard 184
High single: Aaron Hie 273; Joan Rivard 235
High single (handicap): Aaron Hie 328; Joan Rivard 268
High triple: Aaron Hie 786; Gloria Wagg 592
High triple (handicap): Aaron Hie 957; Gloria Wagg 709

Joe Cox rolls 259 single in Junior League

Youth Bowling Council

Smurf

High average: Matthew Besner 71; Jordan Moore 37
High single: Matthew Besner 64; Jordan Moore 46
High double: Matthew Besner 121; Jordan Moore 89

Bantam

High average: Robert Cox 115; Tori Brown 126
High single: Kurran Devolin 151; Tori Brown 131
High triple: Robert Cox 371; Brooke Hamilton 369

Junior

High average: Joe Cox/Matt Reinwald 194; Kelly Berry 176
High single: Joe Cox 259; Kelly Berry 200
High single (handicap): Trevor Clement 227; Kelly Berry 219
High triple: Trevor Clement 684; Kelly Berry 547
High triple (handicap): Trevor Clement 729; Kelly Berry 604

Senior

High average: Jeff Mickle 157; Lesley Cox 156
High single: Justin McKelvey 202; Lesley Cox 188
High single (handicap): Mike Fisher 240; Corinne Hogg 288
High triple: Justin McKelvey 565; Lesley Cox 507
High triple (handicap): Justin McKelvey 697; Alyssa Crowe 626

Eager, Cowan high scorers

Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors' Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard League scores for January 30:

High score - Leroy Eager and Pearl Cowan 288; Syd Lockhart and Beverley Alexander 253; Betty Lockhart and Laura Carnegie 204.

Low score - Bob Alexander and Helen Skelding 106.

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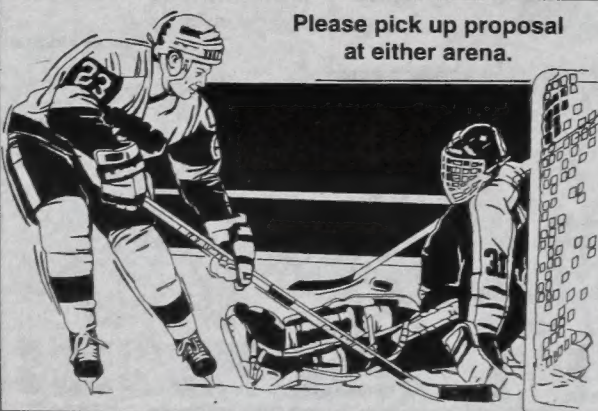
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The TMS Embroidery Curling team from Barrie took the championship round in the annual Minden Winter Mixed Bonspiel held January 26-28. Members of the winning team were presented with the Westside Jug City Trophy by Doug Brown, left. The team included, from the left, Tim Parr skip, Marcia Parr lead, Kevin Nadon second, and Mary Patterson vice. The Ted Wilkes team from Minden was runner up in the A event. Members included Dave McKay, Joan Davies and Ruby Wilkes.



Chuck Golden, second from left, presented the Golden Stationers trophy to the Rob Eaton foursome following their win of the B event in the Winter Mixed Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club. Team members included, left, Rob Eaton skip, Lynda Eaton vice, Harvey Kivella second and Gail Kivella lead. The runner up in the B event came from Toronto. The team included Patrick Carrigan skip, Anne Hewitt vice, Mitch Potter second, Sue-Ann Lewis lead.

Betty Henderson rolls 317

Carnarvon Bowling Leagues

Wednesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 223;
Marie Thompson 190

High single: Avarad Edwards 281;
Marie Thompson/Jacque Chamber-
lain 240

High single handicap: Ben Hunt
500; Dorothy Cormie 524

High triple: Avarad Edwards 753;
Marie Thompson 660

High triple handicap: Avarad
Edwards 810; Dorothy Cormie 754

Thursday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 225;
Beverley Alexander 213

High single: Ken Thompson 245;
Betty Henderson 317

High single handicap: Syd
Lockhart 254; Betty Henderson 300

High triple: Ken Thompson 675;
Beverley Alexander 640

High triple handicap: Syd Lockhart
638; Beverley Alexander 605



Richarda Rogers, right, presented skip Ross Davies with the Herb Gil Memorial Trophy after his team won the C event in the Minden Curling Club's Winter Mixed Bonspiel. Other members of the team included, from the left, Karen Colliss, Jim Hamilton and Marilyn Hamilton. The foursome skipped by Al Trotter was runner-up in the OD event. The team included Dana Kirsner vice, Ross Bryant second and Audrey McMartin lead.

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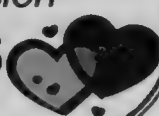
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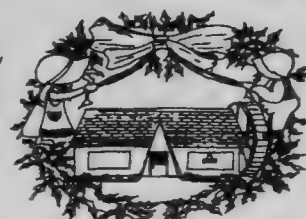
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OPP concerned about increase in snowmobile fatalities

The OPP is very concerned with the number of snowmobile deaths which have occurred so far this year.

During the entire 1999 snowmobile season, 11 people died while snowmobiling. So far this year in areas patrolled by the OPP, 18 people have lost their lives. The majority of these fatalities could have been prevented. Alcohol was the major contributing factor in 45 per cent of snowmobile deaths. Speeding accounted for 33 per cent of the deaths. The third contributing factor is night riding with crashes occurring between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"OPP officers along with members of the Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol program (STOP) are out there to ensure that everybody rides responsibly, uses cau-

tion and common sense. We have your safety in mind. Know your machine and be aware of the dangers before riding," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Maurice Pilon.

OPP officers strongly urge snowmobilers to enjoy their sport by sticking to maintained trails, not drinking and riding and to slow down. The OPP also remind snowmobilers that drinking and riding is a criminal offense. Being convicted will result in the suspension of their driver's licence.

Driver charged

While on patrol in the community of Norland, Victoria County OPP officers observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. The suspect had lost control of the vehicle entering the ditch.

The incident occurred on the January 26 at midnight on Highway 35.

Charged with impaired driving and having more than 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood was Jeremy Pearce 19, of Norland. He was released on a promise to appear on February 15 in Lindsay Court.

Local groups benefit from Trillium funds

Minden Minor Hockey and the Indoor Lawn Bowling Club will benefit from grants announced by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The grants were part of a \$1,318,200 announcement last week covering Durham, Haliburton, Kawatha and Pine Ridge.

Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. With \$100 million in annual funding from the province's charitable gaming initiative, the Foundation provides grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts, culture, sports, recreation, environment and social service sectors.

- Minden Indoor Lawn Bowling Club: \$10,000 over two years to strengthen the organization by assisting with its rental and operational costs while it implements its fund-raising plan.

- Minden Minor Hockey Association: \$17,000 over one year to increase the effectiveness of the minor hockey program through coaching training programs, goalie clinics, and by providing goalie equipment.

OPP Inspector Kathy Rippey of the Traffic and Marine Section says: "People need to realize that snowmobiling, although considered to be a recreational activity, involves a vehicle capable of high speed, and when mixed with alcohol and limited night vision can combine to take a life. A snowmobile is not a toy. These deaths are a tragic reminder of that."

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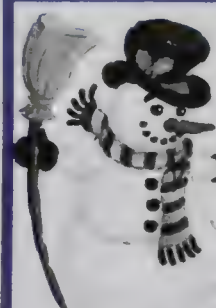
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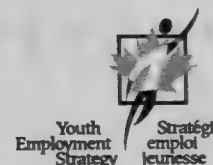
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Will step down in July

Trillium Lakelands Director of Education, Evelyn Brown, announces her retirement

Director of Education Evelyn Brown will retire from her position with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board in July 2001. She announced her retirement to trustees at the board meeting in Lindsay.

"We will be very sorry to see Evelyn leave," said Judy Saunders, Chair of the Board. "Her calm, professional leadership style and sense of humor helped make the huge transition from three boards to one as smooth as possible. Her focus kept us on track while her dedication to our students reminded us all

why we're here."

Evelyn Brown was named the first director of the new Trillium Lakelands District School Board in December 1997. Prior to that, she was the Director of Education with the former Muskoka Board of Education. She has also been a teacher, vice-principal, elementary and high school principal and curriculum coordinator.

Trustees will be choosing an executive search firm in the coming weeks to develop a list of suitable candidates for the position of director of education.

"It just seems the

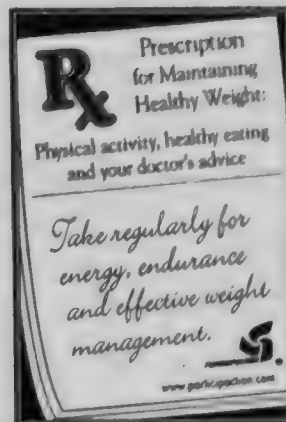
right time to go on and do personal things," said Brown. "As a board we are in a very positive time period - our policy development is moving along very nicely. For a new Director to come in and take over, this is probably the best time to do that."

Brown reminded *The Times* that she will remain with the board until July helping them to build up a profile for the new director. "I feel the board is in wonderful shape," she continued. "We have great new trustees who have joined the board and it will be a common experience that

they will all be able to share in."

Looking ahead to her retirement, Brown says she expects to do some travelling the fall with her husband who is also retired. "We'll see what the future might hold," she said, adding that the board has come through the amalgamation process in a very positive way. "One of the highlights for me was the very positive report that we received from the Education Improvement Commission, they were extremely pleased with how we brought the three boards together," said Brown.

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BULGING THE TWINE: A Beaverton Blades sniper beat Minden Atom B goalie Mike Toye cleanly on this shot, but the Monarchs bounced back with a goal in the dying seconds to salvage a 3-3 tie.

Monarchs tie Beaverton with three seconds left in game

The Minden Atom B Monarchs enjoyed a big crowd for their January 21 game against the Beaverton Blades. The hockey fans were not disappointed if they were hoping for an exciting game.

The contest was scoreless until late in the first period when the Blades got on the scoreboard with the first goal of the game. Less than two minutes into the middle frame, Beaverton struck again, taking a 2-0 lead.

Minden got one back with 3:34 left in the period. Roch Peterson was the sniper, from Ryan Kerr. Less than a minute and a half later, the Blades scored

again, but in the dying seconds of the period, Jake Findeis notched one for Minden, cutting the Beaverton lead to 3-2. Steve Kerr and Joey Findeis assisted.

The Blades clung to that one-goal margin until the final minute, when Minden coach Paul Walker pulled goalie Mike Toye in favour of an extra attacker. The gamble paid off when Jake Findeis netted the equalizer with three seconds showing on the clock. Steve Kerr picked up an assist on the tying goal.

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Can you imagine the state of organized hockey in this country if players had to play outdoors in daylight hours only? It's great to be able to watch the development of skiing as lit trails become more common.

To express its gratitude to the Municipality of Dysart for the use of the space, Haliburton Nordic Trails has made its night skiing area free to the public for the past couple of years. Anyone is welcome to use the lit area after the lights come on without purchasing a ticket. Just remember that the loop is skied counter-clockwise and the lights shut off automatically at about 9 p.m. Oh yes, you must use skis and dogs are, unfortunately, not allowed on the trails.

This is a great opportunity to stay fit and to get acquainted (or re-acquainted) with the sport. If you're used to skiing on a lake or bushwacking through the woods you'll find that skiing on properly groomed and maintained trails is pleasure and a thrill.

February is a month when the snow is usually good, but the nights are rarely too cold to ski comfortably. There's no limit to the amount of nights you may indulge, but if you find yourself using the area

regularly, then please buy a membership so that we can all be sure that the skiing will continue to be available to all.

Please remember that the clubhouse at Glebe is open for your convenience on Friday evenings. Don't hesitate to drop by and enjoy a hot drink. Fridays are increasingly busy on the lit trail, and you'll encounter many people enjoying the excellent skiing this year.

Directional arrows have been put on the Slipper loop to encourage directional skiing. Due to high traffic over Christmas, Nordic Trails felt that it was time to reduce the risk of a collision

by encouraging one-way traffic. This should allow for more extensive track setting. Please be aware that some sections will still have to be two-way trails. For now this is an experiment, and it will be monitored to see what the reaction to the change is.

Finally, the ski club was saddened to hear of a grooming-related death at the trails at Algonquin Park's East gate. Apparently the trails up there have recently been widened, which allowed the use of heavier equipment. The result was a tragic plunge through the ice. This year's Algonquin Marathon and Loppet were subsequently cancelled.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton



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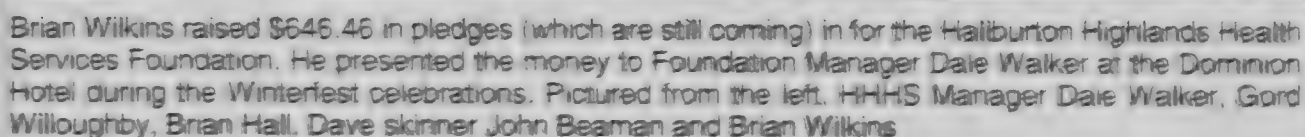
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MEET TO SKATE

Skaters from Haliburton County and beyond converged on the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on this past weekend for the annual Meet To Skate competitions, hosted by the Minden Skating Club. The event coincided with the Haliburton County Winterfest celebrations.



Keep us posted

Do you have some sports information to share with our readers? Call us at 705-286-1288; fax the information to 705-286-4768; or e-mail us at: sports@mindentimes.on.ca

January weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average high	-2.3	27.8
Average low	-13.6	7.5
Average for the month	-7.9	17.7
Average for January 2000	-9.2	15.4
Highest temp. January 11	3.5	38.3
Lowest temp. January 2	-29.0	-20.2
Rain	7.8 mm	.3 in
Snow	69.0 cm	27 in
Total precipitation	76.8 mm	3.0 in
Total precip for last January	54.8 mm	2.1 in
Snow on the ground Jan. 31	62 cm	24.4 in
Snow on the ground last Jan 31	10 cm	4.0 in
Total snowfall since Nov. 1	203 cm	80 in
Days mostly sunny	7	
Days with snow or rain	14	
Days with freezing rain	2	

Glad to see the end of January as it was quite dull and lots of snow. The temperatures were variable: one day very cold, the next much milder. With all this, the average temperature was -7.9 C (17.7 F). 1.3 C warmer than last January. We have had only one rainy day, a bad one with freezing rain and ice pellets. Speaking of rain and snow, don't forget the amount on roofs of cottages and homes.

Trivia: Have you heard of the recently coined word: 'Snalt'. It is a mixture of snow and salt. It makes all cars the same colour: a dirty grey.



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2. Training and experience in the provision of a full range of services to the serious mentally ill;
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Deadline for applications is **February 15, 2001**. Please direct resumes and covering letters to:

Program Director
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Canada



Adventure race will use Bark Lake as its base

Frontier Adventure Racing has selected Bark Lake near Irondale, to host the first Raid the North race of the season.

Scheduled for April 28-29, this 36-hour, non-stop race will take teams of four through a 150 km course of canoeing, trekking, mountain biking and rappelling.

Last fall Silver Eagle Resort on Eagle Lake hosted the final run of last year's Raid of the North race.

"The Haliburton Highlands offers an ideal landscape for adventure racing," said David Zietsma, president of Frontier Adventure Racing. "With its rolling terrain, lush forests and many lakes and waterways, we are able to offer a beautiful, yet navigationally challenging course for all levels of competitors."

The Bark Lake race will be one of five, 36-hour races across Canada that serve as qualifiers for the national championship race at the end of the season.

Unlike Raid the North Extreme, which is five-days in length, races in the Raid the North series are seen as more accessible to first-timers. As a result, Raid the North - Bark Lake sold out in the first few hours of registration, totaling 50 teams of four, from across Canada and the U.S.

The top five finishing teams will earn a spot in the national championship race, while the winners will receive free entry to that race, plus \$1,500 cash.

"Bark Lake is excited to have been chosen as the host site for the 2001 Raid the North event in co-operation with Frontier Adventure Racing. We welcome all competitors and spectators to our beautiful outdoor leadership facility in the Haliburton Highlands," said Brent Gordon, sales and marketing manager for Bark Lake. "Bark Lake will do its utmost to ensure that Raid the North is a huge success."

Frontier Adventure Racing will also be adding a new feature to their race series this year: a separate three- to six-hour adventure challenge to be run over the same weekend as the 36-hour event. Designed to be a non-competitive way to enjoy adventure sports, this event will be targeted at people in Irondale and surrounding communities.

"Our goal is to make adventure sports accessible to everyone," said Zietsma. "By hosting an adventure challenge we hope to make Raid the North a community event where participants will be able to experience first hand some of the disciplines involved in the longer, more challenging adventure races."

Frontier Adventure Racing

will also be looking for a number of local volunteers to assist in the management of this event. More than 70 volunteers will be needed in total for an event of this magnitude. And although, many volunteers travel from out of town to participate, organizers prefer to work with local volunteers who are familiar with the area. For more information about volunteering, please contact

Frontier Adventure Racing Inc. at 1-877-846-8889.

The schedule for the 2001 season, in addition to the Bark Lake site, includes: Digby, Nova Scotia; Corner Brook, Newfoundland; an undetermined location in Quebec; Revelstoke, British Columbia; Elliot Lake; and New Liskeard.

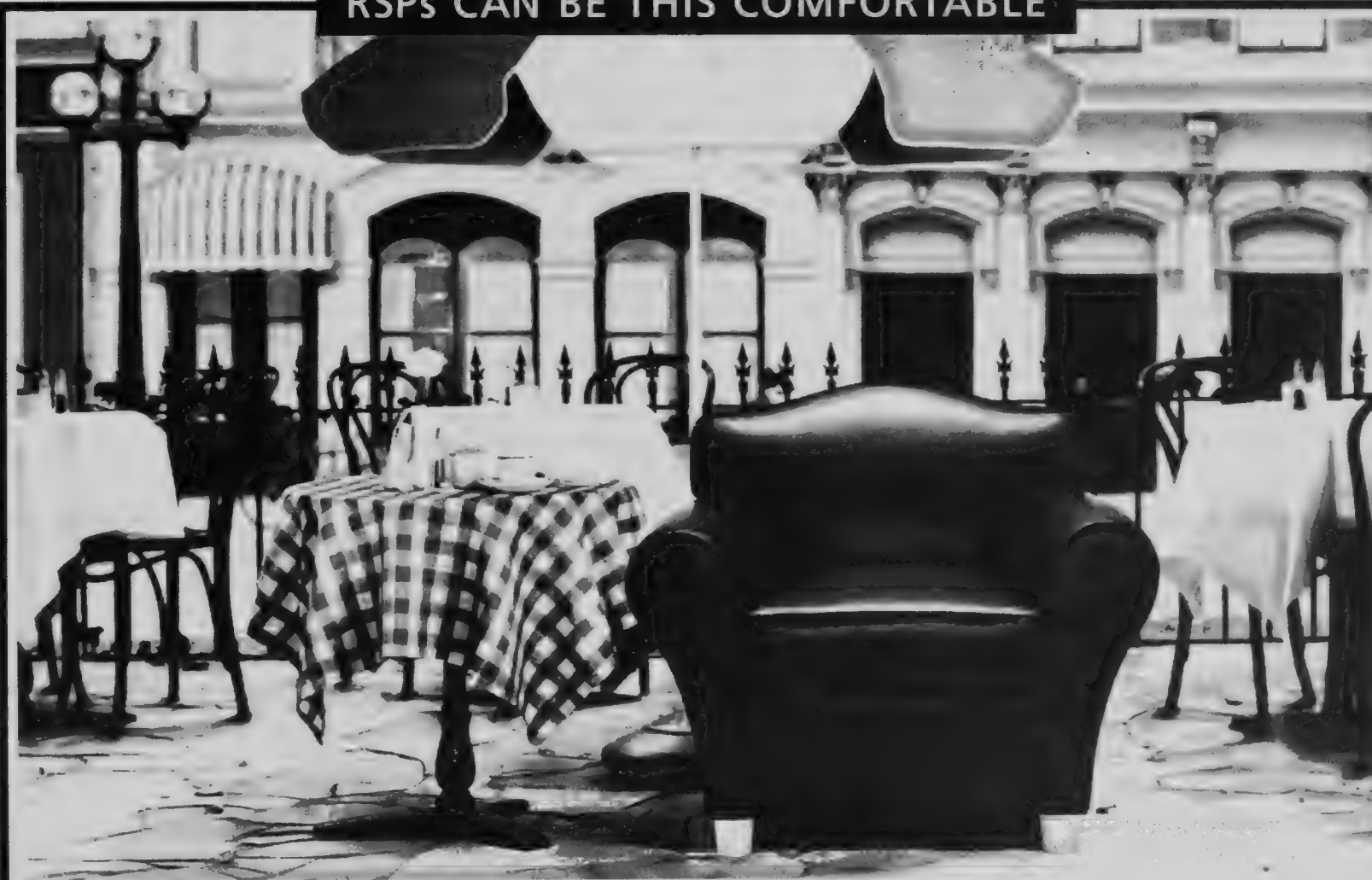
Adventure racing is a new sport that has exploded in popularity across North

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These non-stop races, ranging in length from 36-hours to five-days, require coed teams of four to trek, mountain bike, canoe and negotiate fixed ropes, while navigating the unmarked race course through the

wilderness. The exact course is kept secret until the night before the race and, even then, teams are only given topographical maps and grid coordinates for the checkpoints they must reach in a specific order. Likened to an expedition with a stopwatch, adventure racing requires teamwork, perseverance and strong navigation and wilderness survival skills.

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Help available for Alzheimer's disease sufferers and their caregivers

by Jack Brezina, Editor

It is probably one of the most difficult challenges an older couple can face: one partner is stricken with Alzheimer's Disease and the companion attempts to look after the individual in their own home. Typically, the disease attacks the brain, causing, over time, loss of memory and cognitive abilities. Individual afflicted with the disease generally remains physically healthy and are unable to understand why the partner is restricting their activities.

The constant, 24 hours a day, monitoring of an individual suffering from Alzheimer's can quickly take its toll on the caregiver. Not only is it physically exhausting, the caregivers also suffer emotionally, experiencing feelings of guilt and isolation. The constant attention which is demanded by an Alzheimer's patient cuts the caregivers off from friends and social activities. They end up feeling that this burden is theirs alone to bear.

Fortunately, there is help in our community. Sandi May is the Support Services Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and area. She hosts four support groups for caregivers of Alzheimer's sufferers. "It is a chance for people in similar situations to get together, express their feelings, frustrations and share their trials and exasperations." The meetings serve as a clearing house where caregivers can exchange ideas on dealing with Alzheimer's patients. In the group setting, the people learn they are not alone, that others are going through the same experiences.

"Probably one of the hardest things to do in the early stages of the disease is to take away someone's right to drive," Sandi May explains. "Sometimes they are unaware of the deterioration that is taking place in their decision making and reflexes and the potential danger they represent to others when they get behind the wheel." Sandi explains driving is something they have done all their lives and they find it hard to accept, or even understand, why their privileges are being withdrawn. The groups often share strategies on overcoming such situations.

"The caregiver often feels frustration because he or she is unable to meet the physical needs of their life partner," Sandi explains. "There are often feelings of guilt, as the person suffers from increased dementia and 'clings' to his or her partner." Often the caregivers feel trapped by the situation and this adds to the deterioration in their own well-being.

Sandi May has four support groups in Haliburton County and welcomes anyone who feels he/she would benefit from getting together with others experiencing the same situation. She noted that in addition to interaction that takes place, she can provide educational material, books, pamphlets and explanations to help the caregivers understand what their partner, and indeed they themselves, are going through. Where needed, she does advocacy work for the caregivers. The society is also involved in an education program for health professionals and in fund-raising activities.

"There is help out there and there is nothing wrong with asking for it," she declared. "We know it is not just the person who suffers from the disease, the whole family is affected, particularly the spouse."

The Alzheimer Society Support group meets at four locations in the county. "These are informal meetings and we provide the refreshments," Sandi May noted. The schedule of meetings for this month are:

- Haliburton, Monday, February 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Haliburton County Home Support Services building in the Halco Plaza.
- Wilberforce, Monday, February 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Maple View Apartments.
- Cardiff, Monday, February 26, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Cardiff United Church.
- Minden, Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Staunworth Terrace, 44 Parkside Street.

A reference library has also been established at Staunworth Terrace for anyone wishing more information about the disease.

"We also have a toll-free phone line for inquiries. People are welcome to call 1-800-561-2588 for more information about the services offered."

"The one thing we want caregivers to know is, you are not alone," Sandi May concluded.

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The Nominating Committee
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by Kate Hall,
U-Links Program Co-ordinator

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For more information and to obtain a research proposal form, contact Kate Hall at the U-Links Centre, by phone 286-2411 or by email ulinks@on.aibn.com. For general information, visit the Haliburton County Community Co-operative's website at www.haliburtoncooperative.on.ca.

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Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

We thank all applicants who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Minden Legion columnist in Haliburton Hospital

Minden Legion columnist Alan 'Cub' Coneybeare reports that he is currently under the weather and is unable to provide his monthly update at the moment. He is in Haliburton Hospital. Anyone interested in assisting with his column can give him a call at 457-1392, extension 353.

Draft Plan Review Bancroft-Minden Forest 2001 to 2021 Forest Management Plan

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC) and Local Citizens Advisory Committee invite you to review and comment on the 2001 to 2021 forest management plan for the Bancroft Minden Crown Forest.

The forest management plan outlines the long-term strategic direction for the management of the forest, and the details of harvest, renewal and tending operations and access road locations for the first five-year term, 2001 to 2006.

The purpose of this public consultation opportunity is to provide a formal opportunity for public review of, and comment on, the proposed operations before the ministry finalizes its review of the draft forest management plan.

You can review and comment on the draft plan at the following locations:

Min. of Natural Resources
Bancroft District Office
Hwy. 28 South
Bancroft, Ontario

Min. of Natural Resources
Southcentral Regional Office
4th Floor, South Tower
300 Water Street
Peterborough, Ontario

Bancroft Minden Forest Company
Birds Creek Plaza
Bancroft, Ontario

Min. of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Information Centre
Room M1-73, Macdonald Bloc
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
Attn: Nora Borgs

Min. of Natural Resources
Minden Area Office
Hwy. 35 By-Pass
Minden, Ontario

The draft plan along with accompanying supplementary documentation and the ministry's preliminary list of required alterations will be available for review and comments beginning March 2, 2001 until April 30, 2001.

If you are unable to view the draft plan during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), please contact one of the three people listed at the bottom of this notice to arrange for an alternate time.

Comments concerning the draft forest management plan must be received by April 30, 2001.

A copy of the summary of the draft forest management plan may be obtained from the above locations.

The planning team for the forest management plan consists of the following people:

Jon Orpana, R.P.F., Plan Author, BMFC
Bruce Fleck, R.P.F., Forester, MNR Bancroft
Brian Vermeersch, Area Supervisor, MNR Bancroft
Glen Watt, Forest Analyst, MNR Peterborough
Kathy Irwin, Biologist, MNR Bancroft
Mike Turner, R.P.F., Forester, MNR Minden
Dana Kinsman, Biologist, MNR Minden

There will another opportunity for the public to inspect the forest management plan at the plan approval stage (approximately June 2001).

There is an opportunity at any time during the forest management planning process for interested persons to seek resolution of issues with the plan author. If there is still dissatisfaction with the results of issue resolution with the plan author, the ministry's District Manager and/or the ministry's Regional Director will attempt to resolve the issue. There is also an opportunity at any time during the forest management planning process for interested persons to make a request to the Minister of the Environment that specific forest management activities require an individual environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this forest management plan under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the operating term of the forest management plan, and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (1987), personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Charmaine Devitt at (613) 332-3940.

If you have any issues or concerns, or if you would like to receive additional background information please contact Bruce Fleck at (613) 332-3940, ext. 235. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the duration of the planning process, please contact Susan Kuiack at (613) 332-3940, ext. 214.

For further information on the forest management planning process, information relating to the preparation of this forest management plan, or background information about the Bancroft Minden Forest, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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Residents say goodbye to retiring administrator

Hello everyone. How are you surviving this winter so far? We have certainly been getting lots of this white stuff. Oh well, another month has now gone, which means we are that much closer to spring.

We are fortunate to have so many activities planned for us and we do enjoy participating in them. Our Tea Party last Thursday brought our hosts from Lochlin. A lovely group of ladies and they all knew Bessie Burke who hails from there. It was a lovely tea that we much enjoyed because of our hosts, Lochlin Outreach. Thank you.

The following afternoon a retirement party was held for Gary McKnight. A wonderful crowd of people turned out to wish Gary well. There were residents, staff and volunteers all present to join in the celebration. Among the dignitaries attending were Murray Fearrey, Ross Rigney, Jim McMahon, Eleanor Harrison, Lynn Johnston, Doug Campbell and Roy Windover. Hope we didn't miss anyone. Of course who else would be here to share this happy occasion but the Grandfathers. It was good to have them with us, although missing Bill Payne. We know he would have been here with bells on to wish Gary the best, but we feel he was here in spirit.

Joining in the entertainment was Leisa Allison and Carmen Peters. A bit of fun was had when Wendy Bartlett (Loretta Nesbitt's daughter) joined in to sing a very appropriate song for Gary. It was a wonderful afternoon with delicious refreshments including a great cake. Gary received some beautiful gifts and much enjoyed the photo collage that had been put together in his honour. Our congratulations and best wishes to you Gary. Gary served as our administrator for many years, he was also our friend and we are going to miss him.

Over the weekend we were pleased to have the Norland Hillbillies here bringing us their great music. Also visiting many residents was Reverend Burgess. Bessie Burke had some special visitors, her two grandsons, David Hicks from Charlotte, North Carolina and Beverly with Pat Hicks from Whitby. It was nice to see the smiles of welcome on Bessie's face.

On Monday we enjoyed bingo. Helping out was Pearl along with Ruth Alton's daughter. Many of us had fun that afternoon.

The next day, thanks to the bad weather, Father

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Fellion was unable to be here for our Chapel. Nancy very kindly joined us and led us in hymns and the reading of the scripture. Thanks Nancy, your help was much appreciated.

In the afternoon the craft group was busy once more.

Gord Kennedy managed to get here and delight us with his music. Our thanks Gord.

Another cancellation that evening (once again due to the poor weather). A Joyful Noise was unable to come but we are pleased that they rescheduled for February 6. We always look forward to a visit from them.

Also this week, we have enjoyed a visit from Thelda French, who played piano for us at our sing-song. Quite a few residents joined in with the rhythm band instruments. It was lots of fun. We also had a few laughs with Mindjoggers. Kelly enjoyed this with

us and admitted she certainly learned a thing or two.

As for our card players, well the men are crowing this week. Roy and Harold won three games straight to Margaret and Marjorie. That's okay ladies, your turn will be next week.

It was foot stomping time last night at our Pub Night. Lloyd Madill, Don White and Charlie Hadley were here. Also joining them was Leisa Allison. It was wonderful entertainment and also participating on spoons was Edna McElwain, Marjorie Watt and Gord Samells. Gord is the husband of Doreen, who is here on respite care. These three thoroughly enjoyed themselves and so did we.

The sunshine is wonderful after our dull weather recently, so we must appreciate it while it's here.

Belated birthday greetings to Alice Morrison, who celebrated on February 3 and to Ruby Williams who's birthday is on February 4. We hope you enjoyed your special day.

Upcoming birthdays for February include Harold Osborne, February 7, Joan Evans and Lillian Stevenson February 9, and Matti Kivella on February 14. Birthday greetings to you all and have a wonderful day.

Before we sign off, many thanks to Rob Young for another great newsletter. We enjoyed reading all about the history of Valentine's Day and had a chuckle on the many Valentine's traditions. We have borrowed one item from the newsletter which we would like to share with you. We don't think Rob will mind. Have a good week everyone.

Horse Sense: There were almost no accidents on the road when people travelled by horse and buggy. Of course in those days the driver didn't have to rely only on his own intelligence.

Anonymous

SCHEDULE B

1ST MANDATORY PUBLIC CONTACT - PHASE II

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD PROJECTS

COUNTY ROAD NO. 121 (Former Highway No. 121)

PART OF LOT 2 CONC. III - EASTERLY TO LOT 27 CONC. VII
(From Highway 35 to the Airport Road Intersection)

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

As required under the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the County of Haliburton hereby notifies all interested individuals and agencies, that subject to the comments received as a result of this NOTICE and the receipt of the required approvals, the Roads Department intends to proceed with the planning, design and subsequent construction of the above-noted project. This project is being planned under Section B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

The purpose of this undertaking will be to reconstruct the above-described section of county road, more specifically defined as, that section of roadway commencing approximately 100 metres east of the Highway 35 intersection at Minden and proceeding easterly approximately 12.80 kilometers to the Airport Road intersection.

The scope of the reconstruction will include restoration to the granular sub-base, improved roadside drainage, provision for a new road surface and improved clear zone setbacks through rock cut sections. These improvements shall address the deficiencies that have been identified and outlined in greater detail in the Justification Report for this project.

To review the Justification Report document prepared for this project, or for further information, please contact:

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON ROADS DEPARTMENT
3 ST. GERMAINE STREET
P.O. BOX 880
MINDEN, ON,
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Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am. - 4:30pm.

Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until February 28, 2001. The County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the construction of this property by May 2001 and complete the work by the end of September, 2001.

This NOTICE issued January 29, 2001.

Roy L Haig, C.E.T.
Engineering Services Manager
County of Haliburton
rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca

SCHEDULE B

1ST MANDATORY PUBLIC CONTACT - PHASE 2

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD PROJECTS

COUNTY ROAD NO. 11 (West Kushog Lake Road)

PART OF LOT S2 & 3 CONC. II - NORTHERLY TO LOT 1 CONC. X
(In the Geographic Township of Stanhope)

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

As required under the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the County of Haliburton hereby notifies all interested individuals and agencies, that subject to the comments received as a result of this NOTICE and the receipt of the required approvals, the Roads Department intends to proceed with the planning, design and subsequent construction of the above-noted project.

This project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The purpose of this undertaking will be to reconstruct the above-described section of county road, more specifically defined as, that section of roadway commencing approximately 2.5 kilometers north of the Highway 118 intersection and proceeding northerly approximately 10.5 kilometers and terminating at the Highway 35 Intersection.

The scope of the reconstruction will include where warranted, restoration to the granular sub-base, improved stormwater drainage and provision for a new road surface. These improvements will address the deficiencies that have been identified and outlined in greater detail in the Justification Report for this project.

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.aibn.com>)

I can't think of a more appropriate time to hold a WinterFest than this year, 2001!! The snow!!

I hope everyone's roof is standing up to the strain. I had the snow shoveled off the cottages just in time to have them dumped on again. Big branches, heavy-laden with ice and snow, came down this time. One lay on the road in front of the church. The snow is beautiful but it is also makes life difficult. I would rather be here though than miss the seasons.

A friend told me friends of hers came back to Lindsay from Victoria, B.C., after seven years of living there as they missed the seasons. I can believe it. There is no perfect place.

So here we are. Did you enjoy all the activities you participated in at WinterFest? I hope the three day event held a lot of fun for you. So many things were planned for the weekend. Events all over. The organizers worked so hard to make the three day, county-wide event a success. They must have been thrilled with the weather!! You couldn't have asked for better!! An annual event such as this holds so much potential for re-generating good things happening among all the areas of our fabulous county!!

As the ice car racers headed off to the races last Sunday morning, they stood on the porch taking in long breaths and said how they loved it up here. Folks from the city love the fresh air, the quiet, being away from stress and in the beauty of Haliburton County. Great to share what we have at our doorstep all the time!!

Here are some announcements from Kinmount. Sounds like lots of activities are going on there too.

February at the Kinmount Artisans' Marketplace Craft Sessions. They usually fill up early, so, register early by calling (705) 488-1414 or 488-2938. All materials, coffee, instruction and fun are provided!

February 2: Make your own Designer Gift Bags with Sandra Weyrich

February 9: Community Project, help make huggy bears for Minden Hospital's Emergency Dept. (no fees)

February 16: Decoupage Wooden Eggs with Gail Angstenberger & Jeannine McDonagh

February 23: Stained Glass project with Linda McGillivray at the Crazy Horse Studio

Also, planning is underway for a series of creative classes in the "One Stroke Folk Art" with Lori Raymond. Please let Patti 488-2938 or Lori 488-3089 know what your particular interest is ASAP.

The Minden and District Horticultural Society is conducting their annual bus trip to the flower show, Canada Blooms, in Toronto on Wednesday, March 14. The bus leaves the municipal parking lot at 8:00 a.m. It returns via the Scarborough Shopping Centre for shopping and dinner. The bus will arrive back in Minden at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40. For more information and/or to order your

ticket(s), please call Lynn Hancock at 286-3242.

Now doesn't that sound inviting as we are now surrounded by so much white stuff. The colours, smells and profusion of flowers sounds very inviting!!

It is almost time for the annual roast beef dinner at the Zion United Church on Saturday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. Adults are \$10, children under 12, are \$5. To get your tickets for reserved seating, please call 489-1577.

The Minden Heritage Tour group reports very positive results happening in the last while. January 25, the Chamber of Commerce agreed to contribute its share of \$3000 to the effort. The other partners to have committed funding are the Haliburton County Development Corporation (\$2500), the Minden Business Association (\$2200), and the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy group (\$100). So now the only partner being waited on, to come on side, is the Municipality of Minden Hills. The Minden Heritage group hopes to have the township historical plaques installed and the brochure for the self-guided tour completed by the Victoria Day weekend. What an addition to our historical village!! So much happening to enhance our well-being and heading us to a prosperous future!!

Keep your head above the snow!! Drive carefully!! Enjoy!!

SCORING NEWS

Fewer scores for last week. I am sure cards were cancelled because of snow falls. On the other hand there are quite a few catch-up scores from other weeks.

Thursday, January 25: Euchre at the Minden Legion: Most lone hands were won by Margaret Fletcher and Milton Fletcher; a family affair!! High scores went to Pat Roussel and Norm Lee. Lows fell to Pearl Cowen and Ann Baker. Georgina Parkes, Maxine Cross, Jean Scadden and Gala Stamp won the other prizes.

Saturday, January 27: Bid Euchre at Staunworth: Milton Fletcher got the high score of 297. Ellie Langpohl was second with 265. Georgina Deaks and Ruth Kellett each found a hidden score and Milton Fletcher captured the one and only moonshot.

Monday, January 29: Euchre with the Friendship Club at St. Paul's: Doreen Francis won the lone hands. Iris Taylor and Bill Mosley took the high scores and Barbara Braithwaite was the low. Jeanne Keliele and Barb Braithwaite won the draws.



Congratulations are in order for a couple well known. It's been over the six years, that together they have grown. Terry Prentice and Shannon Butler uniting a bond. The love they share is nothing short of strong.

A Christmas day engagement is when Terry asked for her hand. October 13, 2001 is the day they will exchange bands. All the best goes out to this couple this year. Love your family, friends and those that are dear.



Cribbage at the Minden Legion: Marie Dennie was number one and Verna McDonald was number two. Claire Brooks, Elva Paisley, Lois Adamson and Ann Baker won the draws.

Euchre at Club 35: Cliff Woolner won the 50/50 draw. Jean Dutka won lone hands. Helen Windsor and Olive Daniels won the highs and Pearl Kernohan and Harry Randell took the lows. Cliff Woolner went on to take home the baloney and Pearl Kernohan and Garth Windsor won the special awards for the evening.

Tuesday, January 23: Two weeks ago for these scores: Jack Chilton, Isabel Cherwenka, were first and second with Georgina Parkes, Ellie Langpohl and Rob Evans tied for third. Margaret Fletcher, Trudy Kroes, Mary Colman, Kevin Maloney found hidden scores and Georgina Parkes won two moonshots and Len Kroes won one.

Wednesday, January 17: Kinmount Euchre: Nora Swinson and Isa Hilyer were first and second high women and Kathy Whiteside and Eileen Noseworthy were the two lows. Norm Carter and Sandra Robertson were the high men and Shelley Reeds was low. Dwight Fountain won lone hands and Harold Harvie won the 50/50 draw.

Kinmount Euchre January 24: Joanne Freeman and Marg Viney were high women and Paula Franzen was low. Bob Vick and Wib St. Thomas were high men and Harold Harvie was low. Joanne Freeman went on to win lone hands and Audrey Vick won the 50/50 draw.

Kinmount Euchre January 31: Lucille Carter and Verna Crego were high and low women. Gary Anderson and Norm Carter tied for high man and Bill St. Thomas was low man. Gary Anderson and Norm Carter also tied for lone hands and Emily Harvie took home the 50/50 draw.

Duplicate Bridge at Parklane: North/South in first with 56% were Stella McMillan and Ross Davies. In second with 54 % were Jack and Willi Cox. East/West, in first with 66% were Maria Lehoczy and Ev Morgan. In second with 58% were Glen and Rita Lockhart.

Bid Euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots were won by Rob Evans, Bill Milford!, Bill Milford!, and also Bill Milford!!! There you go Bill!! High scores went to Muriel Harrington, 245, Verna Sawyer, 264, Alf Whyman, 271, Norm Lee, 310, and on the very high top of the heap Gala Stamp with 383!!! Sounds like it was a fun game of cards!!

Lets see if weather interferes with cards this week. There is always solitaire!!

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Hartley & Janet Newell
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AT REST

MONTGOMERY, Allison (Elsie)

Suddenly in her home at Hall's Lake on Sunday, January 28th, 2001 at the age of 74. Beloved wife of Grant Montgomery, loving mother of Donald, Douglas, Thomas and his wife Angela, Robert and his wife Sandra, Catherine and her husband Brad Griffin. Cherished grandmother of Jason, Jennifer, Ashley, Jeffrey, Gary, Cody, Caitlyn, Kassie and Jill. Dear sister of Margaret Henderson. Fondly remembered by her beloved family and many friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton for Funeral Service on Thursday, February 1st, 2001 at 1 p.m. Reception followed at the church. Interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung in the spring. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

BOXALL, Keith Albert Aged 5 years

Suddenly at home in Barrie. Beloved son of David and Marie and brother of Kevin and Michael. Sadly missed by his grandparents Gary and Carol Bloor, Rance and Marleen Pardy and Rog and Mable Boxall. Loving nephew of Karen Warner, James Boxall, Rick and Diane Lichty and Darryl and Donna Hudson and cousin of Kevin Boxall, Jessica Gillis and Jacob Hudson, all of Minden, missed also by several aunts, uncles and cousins. A private family service has been held.

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MILBURN, Dorothy Beatrice

Suddenly at her home in Gelert on Monday, January 29th, 2001 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Richard Milburn. Dear mother of Jack and his wife Elva of Ingoldsby, and Bert of Matheson. Loving grandmother of Eric and Suzanne of Bracebridge, Scott and Dawn of Camarvon, great-grandmother of Taylor and Megan. Predeceased by her sister Bertha McElwain and by her brothers Archie Schrader, Frank Schrader, George Schrader. Dear sister-in-law of Margaret Schrader and Annie Schrader. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel at the Funeral Home on Friday, February 2nd, 2001 at 11 a.m. Interment will be held at the Gelert Cemetery in the spring. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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